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Dear John:

I was very nervous about having Barbara Gamarekian write about me and really wished that she wouldn't do it. The great result of it was that it put me back in contact with a lot of people I like very well and don't seem to see much any more.

I loved hearing from you, and thank you for taking the time to write. It makes me feel guilty about all the notes I meant to write and didn't.

The work is difficult, utterly absorbing, and I can hardly believe that I have been given a chance to do it. There's not much time for reflection, so I'm grateful for the years in Mississippi which gave me a chance, at least, to get my priorities in order. I hope I've got them right.

It's uphill part of the way, but, as always, there are plenty of incredibly able and caring people to work with.

I heard that you were in town a few days ago and had hoped to stop by to say hello one of the evenings, but that day was overtaken by more work to do than hours to do it in. Hope I get to see you on your next visit.

Fondly,

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